

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

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Supervisor Pam Slater-Price joins her board colleagues and public safety officials for the groundbreaking of the new Medical Examiner's facility.

County Develops Its Own 'CSI' Facility

\$85 Million Complex Is Well-Planned

The expanding use of forensic science to solve criminal cases and uncover the cause of mysterious deaths has evolved even further. Anybody who has watched "CSI" on television knows that the new science that is part of reality today. This expanded future is coming to the County of San Diego, which broke ground on an \$85 million medical examiner's complex in February.

"This is CSI in real life," said Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. "A balanced budget and good management enabled the Board of Supervisors to pay cash for the facility, which ushers in a new partnership under which the county offices of the Medical Examiner and Veterinarian, both of which stand at the forefront of safeguarding public health, are able to work closely in conjunction.

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Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (above) addresses the public during the groundbreaking of the new medical examiner's complex in Kearny Mesa. An aerial view of a model of the \$85 million (below) shows how the two-story, state-of-the-art facility dramatically upgrades the county's capacity to use forensic science to solve criminal cases while advancing training for first-responders. Meeting with Supervisor Slater-Price (far right) are county Chief Executive Officer Walt Ekard (left) and San Diego County Veterinarian Dr. Nikos Gurfield.



AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

News of Note

Two Named To Anti-Gang Panel

The County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to support Third District Supervisor Pam Slater-Price's appointments to the newly created North County Gang Commission.

The commission is in charge of forming a regional plan to fight gang violence in North San Diego County. The commission is comprised of experts from various fields including education, law enforcement, and even former gang members.

Supervisor Slater-Price appointed Robert Gillies of Encinitas, who previously worked for the San Diego District Attorney's Office and the Oakland Police Department; and Kathleen Crusing of Escondido, a community activist who works with children in local chapters of the Young Marines program and church groups.

Supervisor Seeks Panelists

Supervisor Slater-Price is looking for a few good people to serve on committees and commissions that advise the Board of Supervisors. The Third District has the following openings:

- Air Pollution Control District (one regular member, one alternate) – both require the appointees be medical professionals.
- Assessment Appeals Board 1 & 2 (both alternate members) – requires appointees have five years experience as a CPA, real estate broker, attorney or certified property appraiser.
- Cable Television & Telecommunications Review Commission.
- Community Action Partnership Administering Board.
- Fire & Life Safety Helicopter Operating Council – requires knowledge and expertise in fire and emergency service.
- Mobile Home Issues Committee – requires appointee be a mobile home park resident.
- Commission on the Status of Women.

More information can be found at: www.sdcounty.ca.gov/cob/bcac/index.html. Applicants should call (619) 531-5533.



Shovels were ready to break ground on Saturday the new Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Museum.

History Museum Breaks Ground

History is alive in inland North County, where members of a Historical Society marked a better future when they dedicated the site for the new Rancho Bernardo Historical Museum. Taking part in the Saturday, Feb. 9, ceremony was Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, who used the occasion to honor society President Tom Cook.

"The history of our communities provides the foundation for who we are today," explained Supervisor Slater-Price, who partially funded the project. "As the curator of Rancho Bernardo's history and the Indian and land grant history that preceded it, the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society deserves this permanent home to adequately maintain the integrity of our past. I don't think there is a more befitting home than the Bernardo Winery. Full of character and a unique atmosphere, the Bernardo Winery is a 'must see' destination stop for visitors."



Smiles abound at the groundbreaking for the RB Historical Museum. From left: Master of ceremonies Ken Kramer, Lorraine Swara, board member of the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society, and David Kreitzer, San Diego County planning commissioner.

tion stop for visitors."

The new museum will be 2,200 square feet and provide rotating displays; environmentally protected storage and archived records; research, classrooms and video taping and presentation areas; gift shop and office. The historical society was established in 1982 and has 200 members.



Supervisor Slater-Price reflects on the history being preserved in Rancho Bernardo.



COUNTY LIBRARY MAKES GRAND DEBUT IN ENCINITAS

Augustine Birrell once said: "Libraries are not made - they grow." The renovation of the county library in Encinitas reflects the essayist's statement - the expansion was 20 years in the making!

A strong commitment by the Encinitas City Council to build a top-flight library is apparent in the new Encinitas Library. The new library

is four times larger than the previous building. The facility sits on 2.1 acres at 540 Cornish Drive and is 26,800 square feet. The west-facing side offers panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean from its hilltop perch.

The library has a large outdoor reading deck, 2,000-square-foot community room, group study rooms and will house a collection of

more than 70,000 books and other media. Slater-Price took part in the opening day ceremonies that began at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23. The county will staff the library.

The Encinitas Library is open from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.



Showing smiles for the library's grand reopening are Encinitas Councilwoman Maggie Houlihan (left), county Library Director Jose Apote (center) and Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, who joined Rep. Brian Bilbray and members of the Encinitas City Council for the cutting of the ribbon opening the library to the public (left).



Friends of the Encinitas Library member Judy Hanson chats with Supervisor Slater-Price.



Supervisor Slater-Price meets with a constituent (above) and congratulates Encinitas Mayor Jerome Stocks (right) after giving him a county proclamation.



AROUND THE THIRD DISTRICT



STATE OF COUNTY

With his colleagues flanking him, Chairman Greg Cox delivered the annual State of the County speech that updated residents on the fiscal health of the region and the expectations of the coming year. Afterward, Supervisor Slater-Price chatted with sheriff's Lt. Al Guerin (right) of Encinitas.



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with each other. In addition, the Sheriff's Crime Lab may one day be relocated to this new complex, bringing two key crime-solving components together."

The new complex is two stories and contains 84,000 square feet of space. The Medical Examiner has 17,000 square feet and capacity to store 200 bodies (current space allows for just 82). It has multiple counseling rooms allowing grieving families their privacy.

The complex expands the toxicology lab and adds labs for plant pathology and entomology, the diagnose of plant pathogens and insects. A November 2009 date is predicted.

The Medical Examiner's complex is also the county's first large-scale LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building.

"I am proud that this county will have the facilities that match its dedicated staff," said Supervisor Slater-Price. "What is better is that this complex is paid for due to the foresight of Supervisors."

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